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SUBJ CCD: TENTH ANNIVERSARY LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY

1. AT MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED CCD DELEGATIONS JULY 25, SWEDEN SUGGESTED NON-ALIGNED PROPOSE HOLDING OF SPECIAL CCD PLENARY SESSION, WITH PUBLIC AND PRESS INVITED ALONG WITH REPS OF OTHER MISSIONS HERE, ON SUNDAY, AUG 5 TO MARK 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIGNING OF LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY. IDEA WOULD BE TO TURN OCCASION INTO INTERNATIONAL "DAY OF MOURNING" WITH SPEECHES DEPLORING LACK OF PROGRESS ON CTB AND ON OTHER NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT MEASURES OVER PAST TEN YEARS.

2. WE LEARNED OF SWEDISH INTENTIONS JUST BEFORE SECOND NON-ALIGNED MEETING JULY 26 AND, IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB ECKERBERG, TRIED TO DISSUADE HIM FROM ADVANCING PROPOSAL. WE STRESSED THAT CCD'S ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF HOLDING MEETINGS CLOSED TO PRESS AND PUBLIC HAD CONTRIBUTED TO AN IMPORTANT DEGREE TO ITS EFFECTIVENESS
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OVER THE YEARS AS A SERIOUS NEGOTIATING BODY,RELATIVELY

FREE FROM PROPAGANDISTIC AND PUBLICITY-SEEKING STATEMENTS. WE WARNED AGAINST TRYING TO BREAK THIS PRECEDENT FOR SAKE OF AN AD HOC MEETING AND POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE AMPLE MEANS OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE ROOM FOR DELEGATIONS TO REGISTER THEIR VIEWS WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS. WE ALSO CONSULTED WITH AMBASSADORS GUERREIRO (BRAZIL), NAIK (PAKISTAN) AND BANNERJEE (INDIA) AND GAINED THEIR SUPPORT. AS RESULT, SWEDISH PROPOSAL FAILED TO MUSTER CONSENSUS AT NON-ALIGNED MEETING AND A COMPROMISE WAS FINALLY REACHED WHEREBY GARCIA-ROBLES (MEXICO) WAS DEPUTED TO CONTACT CO-CHAIRMAN ON BEHALF OF NON-ALIGNED GROUP AND REQUEST THAT REGULAR PLENARY SESSION ON TUESDAY, AUG 7, SIMPLY BE TERMED A SPECIAL MEETING ON THE OCCASION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LTB AND THAT THIS BRIEF FACT BE CITED IN THE REGULAR CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE OF THE JULY 31 PLENARY MEETING. AUG 7 MEETING WOULD BE CLOSED TO PRESS AND PUBLIC AS USUAL.

3. GARCIA ROBLES ACCORDINGLY MET INDIVIDUALLY WITH CO-CHAIRMAN AFTERNOON AUG 27 AND PRESENTED NON-ALIGNED PROPOSAL. HE ADDED THAT WHILE IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED THAT MOST OF SPEECHES AT AUG 7 PLENARY WOULD BE FOCUSED ON ANNIVERSARY, THERE COULD BE NO OBJECTION IF A DELEGATE WISHED TO SPEAK ON SOME OTHER SUBJECT. MARTIN (US) EXPLAINED TO HIM OUR CONCERNS ABOUT ORIGINAL SWEDISH IDEA AND SAID WE WOULD CONSULT OUR ALLIED GROUP TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANY OBJECTION TO THE WATERED-DOWN PROPOSAL NON-ALIGNED HAD FINALLY AGREED TO PUT FORWARD. WE COMPLETED OUR CONSULTATIONS MORNING JULY 30 AND ENCOUNTERED NO OBJECTION TO GIVING THE AUG 7 MEETING THIS SPECIAL DESIGNATION. SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED TO US THAT THEIR GROUP, TOO, IS LIKELY TO AGREE TO THIS PROPOSAL AND WE ANTICIPATE, THEREFORE, THAT BRIEF STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT ON BEHALF OF CO-CHAIRMAN WILL BE READ AT NEXT PLANARY JULY 31.BASSIN

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